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Resource review 2

Roots the Movie

The Movie a dramatization of author Alex Haley's family line from ancestor Kunta Kinte's enslavement though to his descendants’ liberation. This Minnie series was shown on television in 1977. Movie put faces to what students learn in school many years prior, series frame the face of life before, during and after slavery. This movie depicts the movement and enslaved of Africa America people, but more than that the movie documents how life was in Africa for these family before they were capture and bought to America. Beautiful roots the movie depicts a family the Kinte’s, Witten by Alex Haley the author of the book Roots. Roots have been seen by 140 of millions of people when it air in 1977.

An African family, a mother, father, grandmother and two sons who lives in a village constructed my rules and rich culture along with a lot of pride in their way of life, this pride followed Kunta Kinte life even though slavery, evident by his trying to escape slavery only to have his foot cut off so that he could not try to escape again. A boy sent out to make a drum for his brother was taken from his home land Africa along with hundreds on a dreadful voyage to America only to be strip of the culture, family and forced into slavery in a new land of strangers and new rules. It was believe that Africa Americans were a fifth of a person they didn’t have any rights as a human; therefore they could vote or buy land. The Movie shows in detail the brutality of life here in America.Slavery in the United States was a form of free labor which existed as a legal institution in North America for more than a century and continued mostly in the South until the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1865. Virginia, acquired its first Africans in 1619, after a ship arrived carrying a cargo of about 20 Africans.

From the 16th to the 19th centuries, an estimated 12 million Africans were shipped as slaves to the Americas; an estimated 645,000 were brought to what is now the United State

This award-winning historical movie was one of the first examples of the miniseries format and one of the highest-rated television programs in broadcasting history. This movie is a great way to put a spin on a already emotional true story, I would present to elementary grades 1 through 5 and middle school for discussion groups, because historical thinking can help student relate and understand their present world and how it came to be is essential for history and now, showing a map can help my students understand the voyage slaves took over the Atlantic Ocean, Economically slavery was the center of the Africans capture in that they were sold at a price and work free for years, furthermore after the Kinte’s freedom attain land and business in their community. This movie I watch over and over because it was the first movie to show in detail the truths of life of Africans in Africa and in America, moreover the movie depicts life of early Americans and our culture it a movie for all people, it can easy to be discussed. Roots the movie grips those who are watching it the relenting strength of the human spirit is amazing. The international slave’s trade was very profitable to those who sold and bought them, The Africa people had to infuse their culture and ultimately change their culture to form new ones in order to excel and sometime stay alive. It is the integration of these people and many more that has made America the melting pot of the world. A movie such as roots is thought provoking it can be use with other history books and movies, students can compare and contrast. Students should understand history told from different perspectives, the movie Gone With The Wind glamorize the south and slavery many movie did before Roots was made, they did not show African people in their native land, but it is important that students of all ages understand that even in rural Africa people had and have culture, pride, families and yes fun, the movie went into the personalities of kunta and his family, Roots the movie compels us by watching it to understand freedom even if it means simply living in huts running bare foot, eating with one hands, the movie depicted life was simple and free then also the transformation of life though slavery and beyond.